

FRENCH DROVE
GERMANS BACK

Their Right Wing Advanced
on Hartmanns-Weil-
erkopf

WHILE LEFT WING
HELD GERMANS BACK

There Is a Possibility That
Greece May Declare
Martial Law

London, Dec. 23.—A proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although there is no confirmation of the report available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but according to reports from both sides it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats in which shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna and the action may be preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

Constantinople records only artillery actions and bombing encounters on the Gallipoli peninsula instead of the intense activity that preceded the allied retirement.

The Germans are continuing their counter-attacks at Hartmanns-Weilkerkopf in the Vosges, the summit of which was taken by the French on Tuesday. Paris declares the attacks on the French left wing resulted in no change in position, while on the right the French advanced still further.

Berlin Claims Summit Re-taken.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 23.—The war office announced to-day that the summit of Hartmanns-Weilkerkopf in the Vosges, which was captured earlier in the week by the French, has been regained by the Germans.

CALLS NOTE POLITE.

But London Newspaper Thinks Austria Will Not Understand It.

London, Dec. 23.—Few of the leading newspapers comment to-day on the latest American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona.

"The note is quite polite," says the Daily News, in an editorial, "but it leaves no room for evasion. Thus there can no longer be doubt as to the real gravity of the crisis. Left to herself Austria would probably meet the ultimatum with defiance, but whatever else happens it is certain that Austria cannot and will not be left to herself in this matter."

"The gravity of the situation consists in the fact that a breach with Austria must almost inevitably involve Germany. It may still be possible for Germany to avert the threatened break forcing Austria to do public penance, but this can scarcely be done without great damage to the prestige of the central powers."

"From the viewpoint of civilization nothing better could happen than that America should be able, without an open breach, to force upon the central powers a public acknowledgment of their violations of the laws of humanity. No sensible man knowing America's great neutral services can desire a rupture between her and the central powers."

BRITAIN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

Leading Bankers Issue a Manifesto to the People.

London, Dec. 23.—A manifesto to the people of the country was issued last night over the signature of a score of leading English bankers and financiers on the subject of the country's financial position. The signatures are headed by George Anderson, treasurer of the Bank of England. The manifesto in part follows:

"As this is a time of great national danger it is imperative that every citizen realize the vastness of the task. Great Britain has to perform. In a long war success depends mainly upon the respective financial resources of the combatants and the consequent power of one of them to maintain or add to its fighting strength while the others are declining. It is not in doubt that the allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than the enemy's."

"The allies' success in defeating the enemy's efforts to cripple them in munitions and money before they could assemble their full strength has now brought the war near to its final stage. Indeed, only one thing is now needed to command victory, namely, to provide all the money needed to support the vast armies of new men and pay for the vast quantities of arms and munitions being manufactured in all parts of the world. The task of finding the greater part of the immense sums of money needed by the allies is the special duty of the British people. They, in particular, possess the necessary financial resources. Their manufacturing power is unobscured by invasion; their cities undisturbed; their ports not shut off."

"The current calendar year the British people will spend £1,200,000,000 on war and government, next year £1,800,000,000. To raise this sum is a stupendous task which will try the mettle of the nation as it has not been tried in a hundred years. The task demands the strenuous co-operation of every man, woman, youth and maiden—that the nation's energies be concentrated on the production of really essential things, that the production of all non-essentials be wisely stopped."

"The nation must avoid the consump-

tion of all non-essentials and even restrict the consumption of essentials to the limits of efficiency. Individuals possessing securities marketable abroad must sell them to pay for goods and munitions for which no other means of paying can be provided. Only by all classes adding to and carefully husbanding their income, by selling foreign securities, by creating foreign credits, will it be possible to provide the vast sum needed by the nation and its allies."

NEW AMERICAN NOTE
FAVORABLY RECEIVED

Work on Reply to United States Demands on the Ancona Sinking Has Been Started and Early Answer May Be Expected.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 23.—The new American note regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona has made a good impression here, and an early answer may be expected. Work on it already has been begun.

ASK FOR ACQUITTAL.

New Haven Men's Attorneys Make Arguments.

New York, Dec. 23.—Pleas for a verdict of acquittal in behalf of each of the defendants individually were heard by Judge Hunt yesterday at the trial of the 11 former directors of the New Haven railroad under the Sherman law. The first was made in behalf of Henry K. McHarg by Homer S. Cummings, who declared that 99 per cent of the testimony given in the case had no application to the case.

He pointed out that McHarg did not enter the New Haven board until June, 1907, and said virtually all the acquisitions which the government complains of had been completed by that date.

Though McHarg was a director during the Billard-Boston & Maine transactions, asserted the lawyer, he had no connection with them.

The evidence showed, he conceded that the bank of Manhattan, of which McHarg was vice president, made loans to Billard but these were purely banking transactions. The bank was a depository of New Haven funds and the loans were made at the request of President Charles S. Mellen in the regular course of business.

"This is the tenuous thread against McHarg," he said. "The accusations against him are trifling. He attended various directors' meetings and approved various formal motions, but that was the extent of his participation."

During the three year period of the statute of limitations "nothing was done of the slightest consequences in which he participated," the attorney concluded.

Henry M. Earle made a similar argument in behalf of Mr. Taft, who entered the board in 1904.

"When this alleged conspiracy began," said Mr. Earle, "Mr. Taft was a small boy running around in knickerbockers. Not one act of Mr. Taft's shows that he was conscious of any conspiracy or intended to conspire when he entered the board, the successor to his father."

Pleading in behalf of Lewis Cass Leary, Nicol then denounced the prosecution of the case as having had a political foundation.

"It was designed," he said, "by some peanut politician in Washington."

Mr. Nicol then took up his client's participation in the acquisition of the Boston & Maine picturing it as chiefly that of vendor of the Boston & Maine stock to the New Haven, "an ordinary business transaction."

REPLY DELAYED TILL
COMMANDER IS HEARD

France Desires to Get Report from Warship on Seizure of Germans and Austrians from American Ship.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Ambassador Sharpe at Paris to-day notified the state department that France would not reply to the American note protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American vessels on the high seas by the French ship Descares until the commander of the warship had reported. The French government is endeavoring to secure a report from the commander, he said.

NAVAL ADVISER RESIGNS.

So That He May Attack the Preparedness Program as Inadequate.

New York, Dec. 23.—Henry A. Wise Wood, representative of the American Society of Aeronautic Engineers, announced his resignation as a member of the naval consulting board, recently appointed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. His action was taken, he said, because he disapproves, as inadequate for the country's defense, the naval program proposed by the administration.

He will continue, however, to serve as a consultant to members of the board. Mr. Wood says in his letter of resignation to Secretary Daniels that he has retired "in order that I shall be free to attack the thoroughly inadequate and therefore dangerously weak naval and military policy of the president, as expressed in Secretary Garrison's and your own recommendations, and urge publicly the more adequate and more effective program of the navy and general staff of the army, as contained in their original reports, to the satisfaction of the public."

"If our homes, our people, our institutions, and our rights are worthy of preservation at all, they are entitled to the most impregnable safeguards which trained men can devise and our enormous wealth create."

After outlining the way in which he declares the original program of the general board of the navy submitted to the administration last July was weakened by the substitution of another and "less adequate program," Mr. Wood says:

"The administration offers no serious enough strength at sea to resist the fleets of the foremost powers, nor enough strength ashore to prevent the successful landing of the armies of such nations, for which their superior armaments could easily clear the way."

Mr. Wood is chairman of the committee on national preparedness, composed of nine organizations working for national defense.

ALL ON BOARD
WERE SAVED

When New Japanese Liner
Was Sent to Bottom
in Mediterranean

ONE AMERICAN
WAS PASSENGER

Nationality of the Attacking
Submarine Not Definitely Stated

London, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasa Ka Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine, while the steamer was en route to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report from Port Said from the agents of the company.

All on board the steamer, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine was not mentioned by the agents. Previous reports said the ship was sunk either by a German or Austrian submarine.

WAS COSTLY

British Lost 112,921 Officers and Men in Dardanelles Campaign—In Addition, 96,683 Went to Hospitals.

London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss in officers and men at the Dardanelles up to Dec. 11 was 112,921. The losses are divided as follows: Killed, officers 1,099, men 23,870; wounded, officers 2,969, men 72,222; missing, officers 337, men 21,114. In addition to these, the number of men admitted to hospitals was 96,683.

WISHED FORD SUCCESS
BUT DIDN'T OFFER AID

Nobel Institute Members Unofficially Received Ford Peace Party at Christiania—The Party Goes to Stockholm Saturday.

Christiania, via London, Dec. 23.—Members of the Nobel institute unofficially received the members of the Ford peace expedition on Wednesday, and the president of the institute, without promising to support the peace mission, expressed hope for its success. He said the neutral countries throughout the world desired a speedy termination of the war. The Norwegian people look upon the reception by the institute as significant, as such occasions are rare. The expedition will start for Stockholm to-day. The Swedish Peace and Arbitration league telegraphed it would hold a mass meeting for the Ford delegates Saturday.

"PEACE" PAINTING STOLEN.

Worth \$200,000, It Was Brought from France to Raise Peace Funds.

New York, Dec. 23.—Albert Besnard's famous painting symbolizing "Peace," the property of the French government, and said to be worth \$200,000, has mysteriously disappeared from the French line pier in this city where it was received last Thursday from the steamship Espagne. This announcement was made last night by William Franklin Paris, trustee of the Museum of French Art, to whom the painting was loaned by the French minister to fine arts, with the object of raising relief funds through its exhibition. It was insured for \$200,000.

MINISTER A SUICIDE.

Because He Had No Friends or Interests to Occupy His Attention.

New York, Dec. 23.—A man who registered at a hotel here as the Rev. James Quindish Hessel, a Presbyterian minister of St. Louis, committed suicide last night by drinking an acid. A letter was found in which Mr. Hessel said he had determined to end his life because he had no friends or interests to occupy his time. He asked that \$1,000 which he was leaving be given to some institution for the homeless. A search of the room revealed \$1,000 in bills.

CHICAGO STRIKE AVERTED.

Railroads Agree to Switchmen's Contentment for Caboose.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Settlement of the threatened strike of 4,000 switchmen employed by the railroads entering Chicago, was announced yesterday with the word that the railroad general managers' committee had agreed to the employees' contention that transfer trains should include cabooses for the accommodation of the trainmen. The dispute between the trainmen and the railroads having ruled against cabooses.

WILLIAMSTOWN

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational church will be held in the church on Friday evening, beginning at 7:30, when the school will be assisted by the adult and girls' choirs. Recitations, tableaux and exercises will be given, and the musical numbers will include: Anthem, "Your Soul Shall Live," choir; "We Would See the King," girls' choir; "The Queen, the Lord of Glory," girls' choir; "When Shall We Find Him?" quartet; solo, "Thou Art Not," "Bright Star of Home," girls' choir; "Our God Is Able to Deliver Us," solo quartet; duet, soprano and alto, "Worship the King of Glory's nation," "Your God Will Come," and "We Will Sing." What Shall We Give to Jesus? primary; solo, "Lullaby," soprano; anthem, "O Come and Harvest," and "Jesus Christ, the Son of David."

BASEBALL PEACE SIGNED.

Closing Most Disastrous "War" the Game Has Ever Known.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 23.—Probably the most disastrous war that the baseball game has ever experienced came to a close here last night when a treaty of peace was signed between the Federal league and both parties of the national baseball agreement, better known as organized baseball.

Two major league clubs are to change hands and two new faces will be seen among major league managers. Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, will purchase the controlling interest in the Chicago Nationals from Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati. Phil Ball and his associates, who were connected with the St. Louis Federals, gain control of the St. Louis Americans from Robert Hedges, Cal McDiamand, John E. Bruce and others, who have long been connected with major league circles.

The agreement gives immunity to the men who jumped their contracts from both the major and minor leagues of organized baseball as well as all other Federal league players. All of them have been reinstated or made eligible to organized baseball.

That there will be a wild scramble for some few of the best Federal league players was clearly indicated by a provision in the treaty that the Federal league, as a league and which, insofar as actual baseball playing is concerned, ceases to exist, will assume all of the contracts of Federal league players.

Bumors were numerous regarding the future of these players. One which lacked confirmation was that Benny Kauff of the Brooklyn Federals would be seen next spring with the New York Nationals.

Semi-officially it became known that several former Federal players will be seen on the New York Americans.

The agreement does not go into the distribution of any players and it was announced that the bars have been thrown down and that inasmuch as all are eligible those who are for sale will probably go to the highest bidder.

IRA L. REEVES HEADS

VERMONT MILITIA

President of Norwich University Elected Colonel of Regiment Over Col. Fred

B. Thomas of Montpelier

Last Evening.

Capt. Ira L. Reeves, former head of the University of Vermont military department and recently chosen president of Norwich university, was last evening elected colonel of the 1st Vermont regiment, Vermont National Guard, at a meeting held in the supreme court room at the State House. Capt. Reeves and Lieutenant Col. Fred B. Thomas of Montpelier were opposed to each other in the contest for the office to succeed Col. Herbert T. Johnson of Bradford, resigned, and the former won, it is said, because of strong support given him by Adjutant General Lee S. Filstone. There were no other changes made in the field officers personnel inasmuch as Capt. Reeves was promoted over the others' heads.

MONTPELIER

Chimney Blaze Caused Firemen to Make Two Trips.

A chimney fire in the house occupied by Officer Edward Sloan on Loomis street at 6:30 o'clock last evening, which sent big sparks scurrying upwards and at a distance gave the impression of a lively blaze, sent the fire apparatus from the central station hurrying to the scene in response to a telephone call and an alarm from box 56. A neighbor noticed the fire and notified Mrs. Sloan of the fact, and after calling the station she hastened outside with the children. A passer-by caught sight of the blaze and, without stopping to investigate, ran to the box and rang in the alarm. The firemen made short work of the fire, but were called to the scene again about 9 o'clock, there being evidence that all the blaze had not been put out. There was but little damage to the building which is owned by Dr. P. L. Templeton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Healey of Court street left this morning for Rochester, N. Y., where they will be the guests during the holidays of the former's brother, Michael Healey.

Mrs. Thomas Lackey and child of Elm street went to-day to Burlington to pass the week-end with relatives.

John Heaply, clerk at the Pavilion hotel, left this forenoon for his home in Brattleboro, to visit relatives until Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heaply will go to-morrow to Brattleboro to spend Christmas.

Mrs. William M. Kelleher left last evening for Boston and Lancaster, Mass., to visit her mother and brothers, who moved to the latter place last spring.

James McDonald, who finished work in the Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust company several weeks ago, has returned from a visit with relatives in Chicago.

In probate court yesterday afternoon, the will of Fido Towle, late of Moretown was presented for probate.

Walter Burke, arrested Tuesday afternoon, pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense of intoxication late yesterday afternoon in city court and was given a jail sentence of 30 days by Judge Harvey.

In probate court to-day H. L. Sparrow of East Montpelier settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Alex. Dingwell, late of East Montpelier.

Having been released from the county jail yesterday, Timothy Casey appeared in city court to-day on the charge of a third offense of intoxication. He pleaded guilty and was sent back to the county jail for 30 days. In his short term of freedom, Casey purchased two quarts of liquor in Barre, so he told the court.

TALK OF THE TOWN

John Webster went to-day to his former home in Westbury, N. Y., to spend the holidays.

The Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company will put on a third car to-morrow for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers, the first extra to run at 12:45, continuing the remainder of the day.

To to-morrow morning also the cars will have at 6:30 instead of the usual hour.

CONSPIRACY
INDICTMENTS

Were Handed Down Against
Koenig and Leyendecker To-day

KOENIG ACCUSED OF
SEEKING INFORMATION

For German Government—
Edmund Justice Likewise Charged

New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned to-day, charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a dealer in antiques, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American line watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on the charge of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

LIGHTS STRUNG ON TREE.

And Will Glow Amid the Branches at City Park To-night.

The committee in charge of the community Christmas tree arrangements regret the disappointment that was caused the public last night by the tree not having been lighted, as it was advertised to be. The check was due to no fault of anyone working for the tree, but to an express delay. The lights that are to be throughout the branches of the tree were ordered from Boston during the early part of last week. They were due to be here on Monday. On Monday morning a member of the executive committee telegraphed to Boston concerning them and was notified that they had been shipped several days previously and should have been in Barre by that time. It was learned that the packages containing the bulbs were caught in the glut of express at White River Junction and held up there for a couple of days. They arrived this morning, and the process of coloring was immediately begun on a large part of them. They will all be up and ready for lighting by evening, so that with the continuance of good weather there is no likelihood of any postponement of the exercises from the time first appointed.

The star on the top of the tree was illuminated last evening and shone rather prettily. But it was turned off after a little while, as it was desired that no one should be misled into believing that to be all the illumination planned for.

Printed programs for the exercises are already in the hands of a large number of people. This morning several boys were distributing them at the different offices and stores. Fire Chief Gladding is making a small wooden stand, from which the addresses are to be delivered.

The program will commence at 8:45 sharp. Everyone should be present a few minutes before that hour, to see the spectacle of the lights coming on.

Men: Eat an early supper to-night or go out to it. The women, also, want to go to the community tree.

HASKINS—PRICE.

Marriage Took Place at Bride's Home Last Evening.

Miss Pearl Sullivan Price, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Price of 94 Prospect street, and Bernice Haskins of Waterbury were married at the bride's home last evening by Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The single ring service was used and the bride and groom were unattended. Only near relatives and intimate friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony, which took place at 7:30 o'clock. Attractive Christmas decorations of Yuletide bells, holly and evergreen were used in arranging the arch beneath which the wedding ceremony was performed. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue.

An informal reception followed the ceremony. This morning Mr. and Mrs. Haskins went to Waterbury, where the groom is employed by the Cooley-Wright Co.

After the nuptials last evening, Rev. Mr. Beattie officiated at the ceremony of baptism, the candidate being Miss Ethel M. Price, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Price.

113 CASES ON CALENDAR.

Of January Term of Supreme Court—14 from Washington County.

The trial calendar of the January term of Vermont supreme court, which meets at Montpelier January 4, was issued to-day showing a total of 113 cases. Of the number fourteen are from Washington county, being as follows: H. E. Paton vs. Dudley Sterling et al. and J. J. Goodwin, trustee; Julia Campbell vs. Allen C. Bellville; Ernest B. Fletcher vs. Woodbury Granite Co.; R. C. Bowser Granite Co. vs. Drew Daniels Granite Co.; William B. Turner vs. E. N. Tommandon; Elizabeth Mitchell vs. A. Tommandon; Emily K. Wood vs. Berton A. Hunt; William T. Key vs. Fred A. Clayton; William Remble vs. John W. McDonald et al.; Henry Ross vs. Michael Wood; Perry J. Jones vs. Empire Granite and Quarry Co.; State vs. Wesley North; State vs. Lucy Weston; State vs. Jacob Aaron.

LEGAL SEPARATIONS ASKED.

Assistant Judges Dale and Dana Are Hearing Evidence.

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IN MONTPELIER

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